

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation in the form of high elevation snow and low elevation rain during the week helped to relieve dry conditions that had plagued portions of the State recently. Moisture was recorded at 40 of the 45 weather stations across the State. Depending on location, standing water and wet fields slowed spring fieldwork; however, reports from some areas showed that dry conditions lingered. Reporter comments from the northeast indicated that storm systems during the past week triggered hail and fires that were being thought to be caused by lightening. The size of the fires and damage done were unknown as of yet. The largest precipitation accumulation, 1.55 inches, was recorded at Clayton, followed by 1.12 and 1.05 inches at Ocate and Raton, respectively. Average temperatures varied from 5 degrees below to 5 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 61 degrees at Chama to 90 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows varied from 16 degrees at Eagle Nest to 42 degrees at Truth or Consequences. Producers began planting their corn crop during the week. Comments from Union County noted that producers were tilling and fertilizing their fields in preparation for spring planting. In Dona Ana County, preparations for corn planting were underway, while cotton planting was progressing slowly. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 10 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 54 percent light and 9 percent moderate. Feed and concentrate supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 21 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	6	2	12	11
Chile				
Planted.....	64	45	86	77
Emerged	13	--	20	-1
Corn				
Planted.....	1	--	19	9
Cotton				
Planted.....	24	15	11	22
Onions				
Planted.....	95	85	99	99
Emerged	80	60	64	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	2	1	1	1
Winter wheat				
Headed	35	12	16	8
Cows calved	75	57	59	NA
Ewes lambd	68	50	54	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves	78	82	73	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	41	41	82	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	10	14	53
Short	60	63	45	27
Adequate	29	27	41	20
Surplus	1	--	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	12	NA
Short	35	35	30	NA
Adequate	56	56	58	NA
Surplus	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	2	2	1	5
Fair.....	50	49	22	35
Good	36	34	46	44
Excellent	12	15	31	13
Onions				
Very poor	--	NA	--	--
Poor.....	--	NA	--	--
Fair.....	--	NA	2	19
Good	84	NA	20	49
Excellent	16	NA	78	32
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	3	8	35
Poor.....	18	16	11	27
Fair.....	46	46	38	25
Good	31	32	32	10
Excellent	3	3	11	3
Spring lettuce				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	--	--	--	NA
Good	100	100	85	NA
Excellent	--	--	15	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	3	3	1	40
Poor.....	16	16	7	16
Fair.....	37	37	51	24
Good	42	42	32	15
Excellent	2	2	9	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	4	NA
Fair.....	37	37	37	NA
Good	53	53	56	NA
Excellent	5	5	2	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	14	18	19	NA
Poor.....	13	15	18	NA
Fair.....	17	12	13	NA
Good	55	54	50	NA
Excellent	1	1	--	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_04172016.pdf